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NICSMA AND USA ON CIVIL WORKS

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FOLLOWING ARE OUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON REFERENCE
MOU:
A. PAGE 1. IN HEADING, CHANGE "MINISTER OF DEFENSE" TO
"SECRETARY OF DEFENSE".

B. PAGE 1. IN NINTH LINE FROM BOTTOM, CHANGE "DESIGNED"
TO "DESIGNATED".

C. PAGE 1. IN SEVENTH LINE FROM BOTTOM, CHANGE "HAVE"
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TO "HAS".

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D. PAGE 1. IN SECOND LINE FROM BOTTOM, CORRECT SPELLING OF "AMERICA".

E. PAGE 4. CHANGE PARA 6 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "ON CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOST NATION, THE HOST NATION SHALL PROVIDE GOVERNMENT QUALITY ASSURANCE (Q A) SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL CONTRACTING PROCEDURES.

REASON. CLARIFICATION, AND TO DEFINE MORE PRECISELY THE QA SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY US.

F. PAGE 5. ADD AT THE END OF PARA 1 THE FOLLOWING "IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 6". REASON. WE WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT INFORMATION REACHES PROPER US OFFICES, AS THESE ARE SPECIFIC IN ARTICLE 6.

G. PAGE 5. CHANGE PARA 2A TO READ: "A. ENSURE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INTERCONNECTION OF THE NATIONAL (MILITARY AND PTT) COMMUNICATIONS COMPLEX WITH NICS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTEROPERABILITY AND COMPATIBILITIES OF TH TWO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, AND THE INTERCONNECTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED IN NATO BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES. REASON.CLARITY.

H. PAGE 6. CHANGE PARA 3C TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "COORDINATE WITH THE HOST NATION IN CONTRACTING MATTERS." REASON. PREPARATION AND EVALUATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS ARE TO A LARGE EXTENT GOVERNED BY US REGULATIONS. IT IS MORE APPROPRIATE THAT NICSMA "COORDINATE" RATHER THAN "ADVISE" ON THESE MATTERS.

I. PAGE 6. ELIMINATE LAST TWO WORDS "AND COST" FROM PARA 3D. REASON. COSTS ARE NOT UNIFORM EVERYWHERE, BUT DEPEND TO LARGE EXTENT ON GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

H. PAGE 8. CHANGE FIRST CLAUSE IN PARA 6B TO READ: "HOST NATION PROVIDES ESTIMATE AND DESCRIPTION;" REASON. CLARITY.
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J. PAGE 8. AT START OF PARA 6F, CHANGE "ASSUMING FUND APPROVAL" TO "UPON APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF FUNDS," REASON. WE FEEL THIS IS CLEARER.

K. PAGE 9 IN PARA 7A, CHANGE "OFFER" TO "PERIODICALLY PROVIDE". ALSO, CORRECT SPELLING OF "THOUGHOUT".

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L. PAGE 10. FOR ADDRESSES OF HOST NATION IN ARTICLE 6,
INCLUDE FOLLOWING:
USNATO
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM; AND
NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND
200 STOVALL STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22332

REASON. USNATO SHOULD RECEIVE COPIES OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM NICSMA. NAFAC, AS US CONSTRUCTION AGENT, SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE DIRECTLY NICSMA CORRESPONDENCE DEALING WITH HOST NATION CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS. WE LEAVE IT TO USNATO TO FURTHER CIRCULATE ANY MESSAGE FROM NICSMA OF A POLICY NATURE.

M. PAGE 10. ON THIRD LINE OF ARTICLE 7, CORRECT SPELLING OF "SETTLED".

N. PAGE 11. SIGNATURE BLOCK SHOULD BE CHANGED FROM "THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE" TO "SECRETARY OF DEFENSE".

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